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Due to the extreme cold all operations in the field have suspended until a break in the weather. All operators are getting their equipment in order so that when the first signs of spring come, they will be able to resume drilling. The cold weather affects the water supply which is necessary to drilling. A great deal of activity is booked for the coming spring.

The Boise Petroleum will complete their well which is down near the 1100 foot mark. This well is located east of Payette in the Willow creek district. The United Development Corp. have their financial backing and report their intentions to drill to completion their well southwest of Ontario. The Interstate Number 1, three miles east of Payette will be completed as soon as casing can arrive from Wyoming. The well is now on cap rock. The Consolidated Oil company well two and a half miles east of Payette will resume drilling in their well which is on cap rock at approximately 1200 feet, as soon as weather conditions will permit.

The Nampa and Caldwell companies have ordered their derricks and work of setting them up will start as soon as the lumber is on location. Kay Burke of Weiser will do the work.

California interests have bought several leases in the Payette district and the conditions of the contracts call for drilling to start not later than April first. This spring should see a great many outfits drilling for both oil and gas. The California people are after oil rather than gas and the contracts are based upon oil production rather than gas.